

AE353 (Spring 2021)

Day 18

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Controllability

Controllable Canonical Form (CCF)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} [-a_1 & \dots & -a_n] \\ \begin{bmatrix} I_{(n-1) \times (n-1)} \\ 0_{(n-1) \times 1} \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} [1] \\ 0_{(n-1) \times 1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Facts

$$\det(sI - A) = s^n + a_1 s^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1} s + a_n$$

$$A - BK = \begin{bmatrix} [-a_1 - k_1 & \dots & -a_n - k_n] \\ \begin{bmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(sI - (A - BK)) = s^n + (a_1 + k_1) s^{n-1} + \dots + (a_{n-1} + k_{n-1}) s + (a_n + k_n)$$

Consequence

if you want

$$s^n + r_1 s^{n-1} + \dots + r_{n-1} s + r_n$$

then

$$k_1 = r_1 - a_1 \quad \dots \quad k_n = r_n - a_n$$

*no symbolic
computation!*

If we could put a system in CCF...

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$$

$$\downarrow \boxed{x = Vz} \leftarrow z = \bar{V}^{-1}x$$

$$\dot{z} = A_{ccf}z + B_{ccf}u$$

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$$

$$V\dot{z} = AVz + Bu$$

$$\dot{z} = \bar{V}^{-1}AVz + \bar{V}^{-1}Bu$$

Then ...

$$u = - \overbrace{K_{ccf}}^{\text{easy to find}} z$$

$$= - \underbrace{\quad}_{K \text{ (what we want)}} x$$

How?

solve for V^{-1} (that's what we need to find K given K_{ccf})

$$A_{ccf} = V^{-1} A V$$

$$B_{ccf} = V^{-1} B$$

$$B_{ccf} =$$

$$A_{ccf} B_{ccf} =$$

$$A_{ccf}^2 B_{ccf} =$$

\vdots

$$A_{ccf}^{n-1} B_{ccf} =$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} B_{ccf} & A_{ccf} B_{ccf} & A_{ccf}^2 B_{ccf} & \dots & A_{ccf}^{n-1} B_{ccf} \end{bmatrix}}_{W_{ccf}} = V^{-1} \underbrace{\left[\right]}_W$$

$$\boxed{V^{-1} =}$$

↑ works as long as

is invertible

ACKERMANN'S METHOD

- Compute the characteristic equation that we want:

$$(s - p_1) \cdots (s - p_n) = s^n + r_1 s^{n-1} + \cdots + r_{n-1} s + r_n$$

- Compute the characteristic equation that we have:

$$\det(sI - A) = s^n + a_1 s^{n-1} + \cdots + a_{n-1} s + a_n$$

- Compute the controllability matrix of the original system (and check that $\det(W) \neq 0$):

$$W = [B \quad AB \quad \cdots \quad A^{n-1}B]$$

- Compute the controllability matrix of the transformed system:

$$W_{\text{cef}} = [B_{\text{cef}} \quad A_{\text{cef}} B_{\text{cef}} \quad \cdots \quad A_{\text{cef}}^{n-1} B_{\text{cef}}]$$

where

$$A_{\text{cef}} = \begin{bmatrix} -a_1 & -a_2 & \cdots & -a_{n-1} & -a_n \\ 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad B_{\text{cef}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Compute the gains for the transformed system:

$$K_{\text{cef}} = [r_1 - a_1 \quad \cdots \quad r_n - a_n]$$

- Compute the gains for the original system:

$$K = K_{\text{cef}} W_{\text{cef}} W^{-1}$$

The system

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$$

is **controllable** if

$$W = [B \quad AB \quad \dots \quad A^{n-1}B]$$

has full rank.

"n" is the number of states (i.e., the size of x)

in python this means "`np.linalg.matrix_rank(W)`" is the same as "n"



if there is only one input, W is square, and so "full rank" and "invertible" mean the same thing — so, for a system with only one input, you can simply check if $\det(W) \neq 0$